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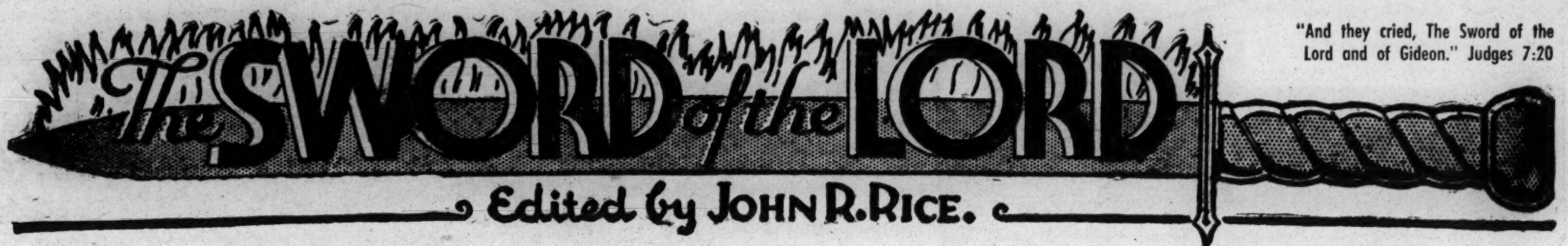
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of the Lord hereby begins! We want you to write us. Tell us of souls saved through **The Sword of the Lord** or our literature. Tell us of Christians inspired to win souls, of pastors helped by material in **The Sword of the Lord**, of other blessings by Sword literature. If you have been blessed, it is right to say so. We work continually, and write for you every week. Now, once a year, we believe all of our readers should gladly write us a letter.

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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What Held Jesus to the Cross?

By Dr. Lee Roberson, Pastor Highland Park Baptist Church; President Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga

"If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross."
—Matt. 27:40.

"And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth."—Matt. 27:39-44.

The Bible definitely tells us what held Jesus to the cross. It was not simply nails, though He was nailed to the cross. The Son of God, with power to raise the dead, heal the sick, make the blind to see, still the storm-tossed sea, surely had power to step down from a cross, even though He was nailed to it.

It was not human weakness which bound Him to the cross, for He said regarding His life, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to

take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:18).

It was not because He was
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The Kind of Christian It Takes to Win Souls

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."—John 15:5.

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."—Matt. 5:13.

"... And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."—II Tim. 2:19b-21.

Soul winning requires *being* as well as *doing*. Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Evidently Jesus meant that He would make them into soul winners as well as showing them how to win souls. One must be a certain kind of Christian in order to be a soul winner. What kind?

I. The Soul Winner Must Be Saved

Salvation comes before soul winning. One must be a Christian, a born-again child of God, before he can be a soul winner.

If this seems very trite to you, an unnecessary warning, then I remind you that John Wesley was one of the most earnest preachers and came as a missionary from England to the Indians of North America before he ever consciously trusted Christ as his own Saviour, or knew how to be saved. He grew up in a parsonage, his father was a preacher, his mother a most de-

vout and spiritual woman. And John Wesley himself was as regular in his prayers, as fervent in his self-denial, as busy and conscientious in his religious life as any Pharisee of the time of Christ, or any monk of the middle ages. But he could not win souls. He had never knowingly trusted in Christ as his own Saviour and did not know how to win anybody else.

Martin Luther was a conscientious and religious man who had given up the world for the poverty

Christ Is All In All

By the late R. L. Moyer
Dean of Northwestern Schools,
Pastor of First Baptist Church, Minneapolis

"They that know thy name will put their trust in thee."
—Psa. 9:10.

The names of our Lord Jesus Christ are scattered over the sacred pages like stars in the firmament of Heaven, and they shine even more brightly.

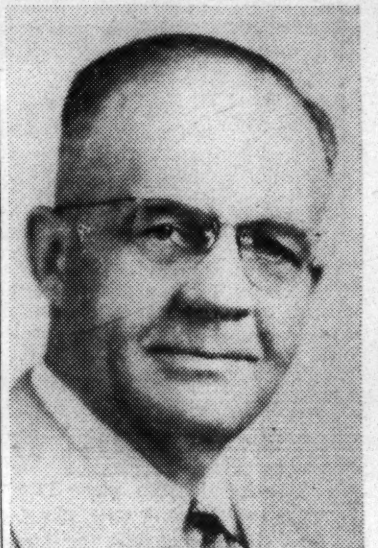
"What's in a name?" writes Shakespeare. We answer, "Very much." A "name" is that by which a person or thing is known. The names of our Lord describe, define and declare Him, so that He may be known. We may be sure that this is true, since His names are all given under divine inspiration, or guidance. His names are

identical with His character, His nature, His attributes, His offices. Every name of His is above every name of man.

Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love and power,
That ever mortal knew,
That angels ever bore;
All are too mean to speak His
worth,
Too mean to set my Saviour
forth.

In His name we receive forgiveness (I John 2:12); in His name we have salvation (Acts 4:12); in His name we receive eternal life (John 20:31); in His name we worship (Eph. 5:20); in His name we pray (John 14:13, 14); in His name we serve (Col. 3:17).

Infidelity is most bitter against Christ; unbelief still cries, "Away with Him," but to the believers He is the supreme and peerless



Dr. R. L. Moyer

Person. For them He meets every need; He satisfies every desire; He hushes every fear; He heals every wound; He soothes every sorrow; He calms every trouble; He stimulates every effort; He controls every passion; He directs every step; He fulfills every hope.

To them He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bundle of Myrrh, the Balm of Gilead, the One altogether lovely, the Diadem of beauty, the Fairest of ten thousand to the soul.

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Dr. Lee Roberson

and religious activity of the priesthood, but did not know peace of heart, did not know Christ as his Saviour until years later. Let no one think, then, that to have been raised in a Christian home, to be a member of a church, to be moral and religious in outward life, fits one to be a soul winner. First, the soul winner himself must have been born again.

In the first place, one who has not personally come to know Christ as his own Saviour will not have the spiritual perception which is absolutely necessary to

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D.V.B.S. Material

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Revival Campaign Report No. 7

Newly-Saved Boy Wants to Win Friends; Woman in Hospital Finds Christ; Convert Wants to Become Soul Winner; Other Letters Cited; Your Help Requested.

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

The Sword of the Lord "Revival-by-Mail" campaign is now well into the last half of the special 10-week effort. This week we report on the period of April 16-21 during which time 18 persons professed conversion through **The Sword** or Sword literature.

Thirteen decision blanks from the sermon tract "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" were received. Three persons signed the decision blank printed after Evangelist Hyman Appelman's sermon, "God's Last Call" (SWORD, April 13, 1951), one each from Dr. Oswald J. Smith's sermon, "There Is No Difference" (SWORD, April 6, 1951), and "A sermon in THE SWORD."

During the week for which we are reporting 53 persons asked for free copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and signed a solemn pledge to use them in a prescribed manner. There were 72 prayer lists sent to us asking Dr. Rice and his co-workers here in Wheaton to pray for unsaved loved ones who would be dealt with personally.

Several letters in this week's mail contained hints of human interest stories, but they were only hints and we can only guess at the facts. For instance:

A brief note from a city in

Reported Conversions

Since March 9, 1951

"What Must I Do to Be Saved?"	75
Other Sword Literature	28
	103
(Campaign Goal: More than 527)	
Copies of "What" Given Free	19,940
Copies of "What" Sold at Cost	15,819
	35,759
(Campaign Goal: 250,000)	
Prayer lists received	417

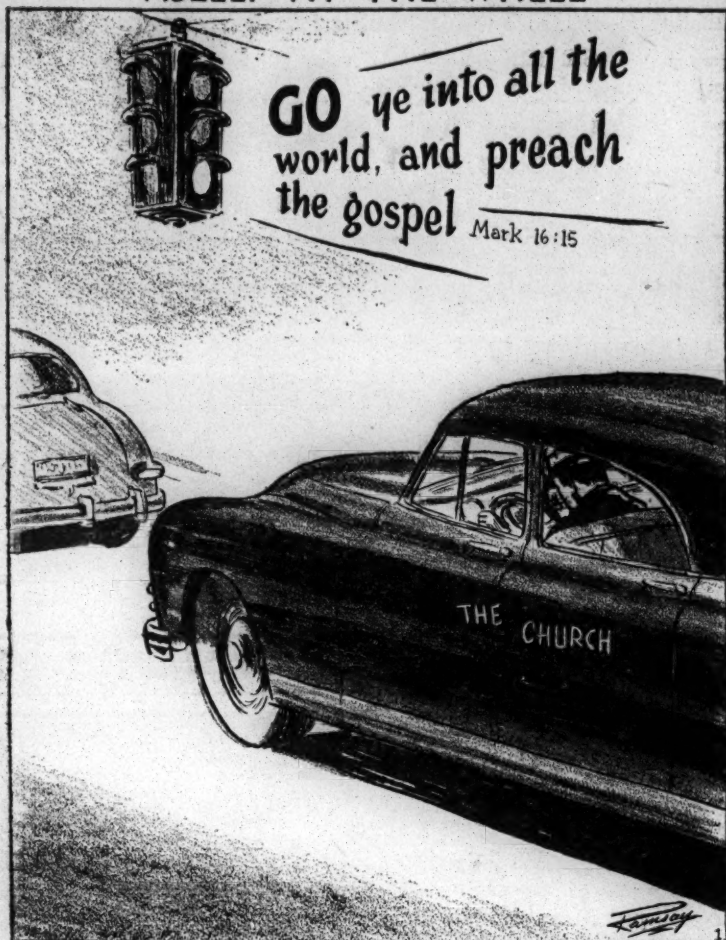
Nebraska containing just 25 words ("Dear Editor: We enjoy reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD very much. We want to thank someone who subscribed it for us. We are deaf.") contained two decision blanks. This man and wife, apparently, each read a different

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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL



This is another in a series of original Christian cartoons drawn by Charles L. Ramsay which have been appearing weekly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. The first edition of 101 Christian Cartoons has been completely exhausted. A second edition is in preparation and will be announced when ready.

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Christ Is All in All

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He is the Word of God, the Son of God, the Heir of God, the Angel of God, the Christ of God, the Chosen of God, the Lamb of God, the Wisdom of God, the Power of God, the Righteousness of God, the Bread of God, the Holy One of God, the Image of God, the MIGHTY GOD! Yes, He is Jehovah our God, God our Saviour, our Lord

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

He is the one Shepherd, the good Shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep, the great Shepherd who lives for His sheep, the chief

Dr. Moyer, whose father was a saloonkeeper, was early a drunkard but was saved from a life of sin, studied at Moody Bible Institute, was pastor of a Brethren church in Minneapolis, and then for twenty years was a teacher of Bible in Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School and Seminary, and was dean there when he died in 1944. He also succeeded Dr. W. B. Riley as the pastor of the First Baptist Church. His devotion to Christ, his remarkable use of Scripture, his beauty of expression, his fine grasp of Bible truth and his vigor are well shown in the Bible study used this week, "Christ Is All In All." He was a beloved friend of the editor and a greatly-loved man of God.

and our God, God over all, blessed forever, Emmanuel—God with us, our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With all this emphasis on His deity, He is of the "seed of the woman," of the seed of Abraham, of the line of Isaac, of the house of Jacob, of the tribe of Judah, of the stem of Jesse, of the family of David, and we know Him as the Babe of the manger, the Child of the virgin, the First-born of Mary, the Boy Jesus of the temple, the Man approved of God, the Man of sorrows, the Second Man—the Lord from Heaven, the Man Christ Jesus, who is the only Mediator between God and men. And we are as much bound to believe that there is one Mediator as we are to believe that there is one God. None else can do us any good.

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Shepherd who shall come and reward His sheep, Jehovah's Shepherd, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. At the same time He is the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot and blemish, the Lamb dumb before shearers, the Lamb that was slain, the Passover Lamb, the Lamb in the midst of the throne. And, also, He is the Door of the sheep.

He is the Living Stone, the Elect Stone, the Precious Stone, the Tried Stone, the Chief Cornerstone, the Headstone of the Corner, the Stone cut out of the mountain without hands. He is my Rock, my Strong Rock, the Rock of Ages, the Rock of my salvation, the Rock that is higher than I. To those who reject Him, He is the Stone of stumbling and the Rock of offense.

He is the Fountain of Living Waters to thirsty souls, the true Manna from Heaven who shall satisfy forevermore. He is the Bread of Heaven, the Bread of Life, the Bread of God—both the Bread which God gives, and the Bread which God eats, for Bread is that which satisfies, and Jesus Christ satisfies the heart of God as well as the soul of the child of God.

He is the Man who is a hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, rivers of water in a dry place, and the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

He is the Author and Finisher of

Watch During May

During the final weeks of the "Revival-by-Mail" campaign we have invited manufacturers of soul-winning aids to use our advertising columns. Read the ads—it pays! As usual, you can trust SWORD advertisers to represent their products correctly and deal fairly. Please mention THE SWORD when ordering from advertisers.

my faith, the Captain of my salvation; He is my Creator and my Saviour as well.

Oh, how I love Him!
How I adore Him,
My life, my sunshine,
My All in All,
The great Creator became my Saviour,
And all God's fullness,
Dwelleth in Him.

He is the Firstfruits of the greatest harvest ever gathered—the resurrection harvest. He is the First-born from the dead, the First-begotten of the dead, the First-born among many brethren, the First-born of every creature, the Beginning of the creation of God, the Only-begotten Son, the Only-begotten of the Father. Never make the mistake of using these titles to affirm Him as a created being; He is the Creator. These titles have reference to His eternal nature and to His exalted position.

He is the Vine of which we are the branches, the Tree planted by the waters, the Plant of Renown, the Corn of Wheat of whose death we are fruit.

It is not surprising that such a One lives and reigns in the hearts of His people. No marvel that virgins love Him, that saints praise Him, that sinners confess Him, that martyrs die for Him, that the sorrowing sigh for Him, that the penitential weep before Him, that the humble trust Him, and that we lay fast hold upon Him, and will not let Him go.

His gentleness makes us great, His glory makes us humble, His mercy elevates our souls, His majesty bows us in the dust, His Word enlightens our way, His will yokes our stubborn necks.

O could I speak the matchless worth,

O could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine,

I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,

And vie with Gabriel while he sings

In notes almost divine.

I'd sing the character He bears,

And all the forms of love He wears,

Exalted on His throne;

In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,

I would to everlasting days
Make all His glories known.

Alpha and Omega

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8). Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Alpha and alphabet are related roots. We sometimes use the expression "from A to Z," and when we do so we include all the letters between—the whole alphabet. So Jesus Christ is Alpha and Omega, and all the letters between—He is truly the Alphabet of God.

And what is an alphabet? It is a strange and puzzling thing in any language. It is made up of twisted, unintelligible, grotesque shapes we call letters. How bewildering to us are the hieroglyphics of the Chinese! And you may be sure that the crooks and curves, the dots and dashes of our Anglo-Saxon alphabet are just as bewildering to them.

Of course, letters are not strange to the one who can read them. Two men stand before the Moabite stone, which is covered with writing. To one those letters are nothing but blots and scrawl and scribble. To the other, who is a Phoenician, these symbols are plain and precious, for these are the letters of his mother tongue. The sinner who stands before the Alphabet of God says, "What manner of Man is this?" but the saint says, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The child of God knows the Alphabet of God—this is his mother tongue.

For what is an alphabet used?

It is a means of communication and revelation. It brings to us the message of another; it makes the messenger known. Jesus Christ is the Alphabet by which God communicates unto us, and the medium through which He makes Himself known. "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Jesus Christ is God's last Message to a sinful world; Jesus Christ makes God known, for "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."

The Greek alphabet is made up of twenty-four symbols, or letters. (We have 26 letters in our alphabet.) Only twenty-four letters, yet the possibilities of the twenty-four are exhaustless. Professor Huxley at one time contemplated the octave in music, and when he thought that in music we are limited to seven tones he became very much exercised, and talked about the "sterility of music," declaring that the time would soon come when there would be no more new tunes. Yet in this day there are more tunes than ever. The combinations are infinite. There are really only three primary colors, yet look about you, and see the riot of color combinations—they are infinite. Only three colors; only seven tones, but twenty-four letters! The possibilities of the alphabet are even more exhaustless than those in colors and tunes. "It has a greater capital to begin with. There are no boundaries to the empire of letters. It is past and way beyond defining," writes McLeod. This tells us of the eternal pre-eminence of Christ. He is the Infinite One—without bounds. There are no boundaries to Him. He is past and far beyond all defining. He is the "Alpha and Omega" of Scripture; He is the "Alpha and Omega" of creation; He is the "Alpha and Omega" of

redemption. Because of this Spurgeon says He ought to be the "Alpha and Omega" of our trust, of our love, of our life and aim, of our preaching and teaching.

What are letters? A vowel has been described as a vocalization of the breath. What is a consonant? One has said that a consonant is "the result of an audible friction." And yet what marvels these vowels and consonants of the alphabet have built! Think of the writings, the volumes, the tales, the dramas, the revelations, the songs, the ballads, the lyrics, the poems, the prophecies, philosophies, the epics, the rhapsodies, the meditations, the communications that are ours through the alphabet. Give the symbols of the alphabet the right arrangement and you have, to quote McLeod again, "the masculine reality of Chaucer; another arrangement and the 'Faerie Queen' trips lightly before you; another disposition, and lo! there is the noble, stately music of Milton. Group the vowels in a different order and you have the ocean roll of Byron. One more marshalling and Shelley spreads his wings; still another assortment and we catch the soft, liquid, meadow lark note of Keats. Truly, it is a strange and fascinating and endless study." So the Alphabet of God becomes many and marvelous things to us. He spells out to every believer Almighty, Advocate (with the Father), Anointed, Altar, Apostle, All in all. He is Brother, Beloved, Blessed Brightness of God's Glory, Bright and Morning Star, Builder, Captain of our salvation, Captain of the Hosts of the Lord, Consolation, Counsellor, Commander, Crown.

To all saints He is Deliverer, Dayspring from on High, Daysman, David's Son, David's Lord, David's Root, David's Offspring. He is Emmanuel, Ensign of the

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Two Little Pairs of BOOTS

Two little pairs of boots to-night,
Before the fire are drying,
Two little pairs of tired feet
In a trundle bed are lying;
The tracks they left upon the floor
Make me feel much like sighing.

Those little boots with copper toes!
They run the lifelong day,
And oftentimes I almost wish
That they were miles away,
So tired am I to hear so oft
Their heavy tramp at play.

They walked about the new-ploughed ground,
Where mud in plenty lies;
They rolled it up in marbles round,
And baked it into pies,
And then at night upon the floor,
In every shape it dries.

To-day I was disposed to scold,
But when I see to-night,
These little boots before the fire,
With copper toes so bright,
I think how sad my heart would be
To put them out of sight.

For in a trunk up-stairs I've laid
Two socks of white and blue;
If called to put those boots away,
O God, what should I do?
I mourn that there are not to-night
Three pairs, instead of two.

I mourn because I thought how nice
My neighbor 'cross the way
Could keep her carpets all the year
From getting worn and gray;
Yet well I know she'd smile to own
Some little boots to-day.

We mothers weary get and worn,
Over our load of care;
But how we speak of little ones,
Let each of us beware;
For what would our fireside be at night
If no little boots were there?
—Selected From Home Duties by R. T. Cross

All in All

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people, Everlasting Father, or Father of eternity. Here we have the thought of His eternity—and eternal He is. A deaf and dumb man in an institution in Paris was asked to write upon the slate his idea of the eternity of our Lord, and he wrote: "It is DURATION without beginning or end; EXISTENCE without bounds or dimensions; PRESENT without past or future; YOUTH without infancy or old age; LIFE without birth or death; TODAY without yesterday or tomorrow."

To those who know Him He is Foundation, Forerunner, Friend of sinners, Fairer than the children of men, Faithful and True. He is Guide, Governor, God and Glory.

To all His people He is Health, Holiness, Hope, Habitation, Heritage, Horn of Salvation, Head—He is the Head of every man, the Head over all things to the Church, the Head of all principality and power. He is the Holy One and Just, the Holy One of Israel, the Holy One of God, the One worshipped by the Seraphim with "Holy! Holy! Holy!" (See John 12:41).

He is the great I AM—indeed He gives the only fullness which that marvelous name knows—I AM the Bread of Life, I AM the Light of the World, I AM the Door, I AM the Good Shepherd, I AM the Resurrection and the Life, I AM the Way, I AM the Truth, I AM the Vine. He is Intercessor, the Just One, the Judge of the quick and the dead, Jesus, Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ the Righteous, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is Life, Lawgiver, Leader, Lamb, Lion, Lord of all, Light—the True Light, the Great Light, the Light of the World, the Light to enlighten the Gentiles, the Light of men. He is the Light for the nighttime, for He is Star! He is the Light of the morning, for He is the Bright and Morning Star; He is the Light for the daytime, for He is the Sun of Righteousness.

To His chosen, our Lord is Master, Mediator, Mercy Seat, Minister, and Messiah, while to God He is "My beloved, in whom I am well pleased," "Mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth."

In the eyes of His saints He is Offering and Overcomer; He is Peace, Power, Purifier, Physician, Passover, Propitiation, Priest, Prophet, Potentate, Prince—Prince of Life, Prince of Peace, Prince of the kings of the earth, Prince of princes. He is Redeemer, Ransom, Righteousness, Rock, Refuge, Refiner, Restorer, Ruler, Resurrection, Saviour, Shield, Strength, Surety, Star, Scepter, Song, Sacrifice, Shiloh, Sanctification, Sanctuary, Salvation. He is Teacher, Truth, Treasure, Testator, Temple. To them He is Word, Way, Wisdom, Witness, Wonderful. He is the Hope of Glory, the King of Glory, the Crown of Glory.

Take the Name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it, then, where'er you go.

Human and Divine

His person is one, His natures are two. He is both human and divine, finite and infinite, Creator and Created. He has the arm of God, the heart of a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Napoleon was right when he said, "He is truly a Being by Himself." Brookes wrote, "Thousands and tens of thousands, and millions of the best and the kindest and the most useful of earth's population have tried it, and found the Name of Christ potent to lighten the burden of life, and to cheer them on their way to meet Him in the air."

Jesus Christ is the Second Man, the Last Man. The first man was called Adam, the Second Man is called Adam. The first man was the image of God, the Second Man is the Image of the Invisible God. The first man, as to outward form, was made flesh; the Second Man, as to outward form, was made flesh. The first man had a body prepared by God, the Second Man had a body prepared by God. The first man had no father after the flesh, the Second Man had no father after the flesh. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the Second

Man is the Lord from Heaven. The first man was tempted by Satan—and fell; the Second Man was tempted by Satan—and stood.

The first Adam was made a living soul, the Last Adam was made a Quickening Spirit. The first Adam involved the race in the sentence of death. In the Last Adam the believer is made partaker of life. The first Adam brought us under the curse; the Last Adam was made a curse for us. The first Adam involved the race in the loss of divine nature; in the Last Adam the believer is made a partaker of the divine nature. The first Adam involved the race in a loss of fellowship with God; in the Last Adam the believer is restored to fellowship with God. In the first Adam a man is "of your father, the Devil"; in the Last Adam, a man is a son of God. The first Adam involved the race in a loss of fellowship with each other; in the Last Adam believers are in a blessed and spiritual brotherhood. The first Adam involved the race in the loss of rulership in the earth; in the Last Adam provision has been made for a righteous rule in the earth. In the first Adam men are under God's wrath; in the Last Adam men are under God's favor. The first Adam puts man into a coffin; the Last Adam raises man from the dead. In the first Adam men are cast down into Hell; in the Last Adam men are lifted up to Heaven. The first Adam brought discord to all creation; through the Last Adam comes harmony again.

Jesus Christ is "the Man whose name is the Branch," and also He is the "Branch of Jehovah" (Zech. 6:12; Isa. 4:2). He was the Branch taken from the Divine Tree and grafted into the human stock. The grafting took place in the Incarnation. The graft does not bear the fruit of the tree into which it is grafted, but its own fruit. Jesus Christ never bore the sinful fruit of the sinful stock into which He was grafted, but always His own fruit of holiness unto God. The branch is always identical in essential nature with the tree from which it is taken, yet it is different enough to be recognized as possessing an individuality all its own—that is why it is called a branch. When you study Jesus Christ as the Branch engrafted into the human stock, in spite of the many human names given to Him, you will have to bow before Him and confess with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." It is not only true that the nature of the parent tree determines the nature of the child branch, it is also true that the nature of the child branch is an index of the parent tree from which it originally came. One with understanding can take a branch and read its inherent nature by certain natural signs, such as bark, wood, leaves, etc., and tell the kind of tree from which it came, even though the two are widely separated. So you can trace your way back through Jesus Christ to God, for Christ perfectly reveals, represents, and manifests God. He possesses the attributes of God, He performs the works of God, He holds the offices of God. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

King and Lord

He is the King of Glory; He is the Lord of Glory. He is the King of Righteousness; He is the Lord of Righteousness. He is the King of Peace; He is the Lord of Peace. He is the King over all the earth; He is the Lord of the living and the dead. He is the King of the Jews; He is the Lord over all. He is the King of Israel; He is the Lord God Omnipotent. He is the King of the saints; He is the Lord from Heaven. He is the King's Son; He is the Lord's Christ. He is the King in His beauty; He is the Lord Jehovah. He is the KING of KINGS; He is the LORD of LORDS. Crowned with a crown of thorns, crowned with glory and honor, crowned with a crown of pure gold, crowned with many crowns, we bow before Him and worship.

Saviour and Satisfier

He is the sole and sufficient cause of salvation of men. We are cleansed by His blood, we are purified by His Spirit, and His righteousness is the white robe of the redeemed. You may go about to

DO THINGS

YOU NEVER DID BEFORE...

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establish your own righteousness, as did Israel (Rom. 10:3), until, as Plummer expresses it, "You can boast and sin and perish like a Pharisee." Your eyes may become a fountain of tears, you may give all your goods to feed the poor,

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*Could my tears forever flow,
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the will of God when He came into the world. He said, "My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me." He said often, "Have ye not read?" or, "It is written." In relation to His own mission, He asserted, "For this cause came I unto this hour." "For this cause came I into the world." He consented to the will of God—even unto death. When He came into the world He said, "Lo, I come to do thy will." "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." In Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine be done." God hath prophesied a redemption from sin by death, even from the entrance of sin into the world, and Christ came as the Amen of God to fulfill His promises. He is the Amen in the petitionary sense also, for "He ever liveth to make intercession for us." Not only so, but He alone gives force and power to our prayers; in fact, were it not for His meditation no prayer of ours would ever reach the ear of the Father. See I Tim. 2:5. Do you think of Him when you say "Amen" to

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please God and serve God.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—1 Cor. 2:14.

So says the Word of God.

In the second place, an unconverted lost sinner cannot have the power of God upon him to serve God acceptably. "Without faith it is impossible to please him," says Hebrews 11:6. And one without saving faith in Christ is an enemy, an alien from God, an unreconciled sinner. Nothing such a one could do would please God until he is willing to personally thrust himself on Christ's mercy for salvation and depend upon the Saviour for the forgiveness He has promised those who trust Him.

In the third place, lost sinners themselves would have no confidence in the teachings and instructions of a man who could not tell what it means to be saved, illustrated by his own testimony. A doctor who will not take his own medicine, a cook who will not eat her own cooking, a Christian worker who does not practice what he preaches, would win scant confidence among people.

Therefore, let everyone who would do any service for Christ first definitely confess his own sinful state, repent in his heart and turn to Christ in penitent faith for salvation. After you have trusted Christ as your own Saviour and have been born again into the family of God, you may well seek to become a soul winner, but not before.

II. The Soul Winner Must Have Full Assurance of His Own Salvation

Evangelist D. L. Moody said that he had never known a good soul winner who was not sure of his own salvation. With a little thought, one can understand why. On your own part, how could you have any boldness in speaking to sinners about salvation if you were uncertain of your own salvation? You would feel, "Here I am trying to get others to trust in Christ when I don't know whether I have trusted Him myself!" You might well feel like John Wesley, defeated, who returned from the American colonies to England,

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having written in his diary, "I came to America to convert the heathen, but oh, who shall convert me!"

And why should sinners have confidence in the exhortation of one who does not know for sure whether he himself is saved? You cannot speak with glad joy and assurance. And the most ignorant sinner would feel the insincerity and the unsteadiness of the one who was trying to get him to turn from his sins and trust in Christ, if the would-be soul winner has no certainty that his own sins are washed away, that he himself is a child of God, that Heaven will be his blessed home hereafter.

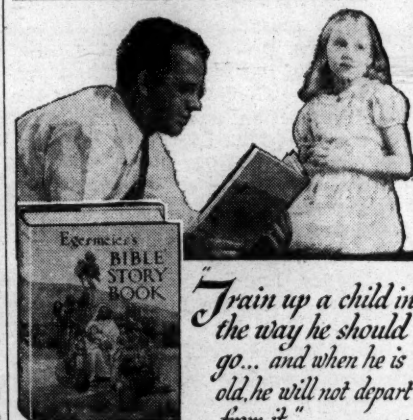
You remember that Jesus told the former maniac of Gadara, after he had been wonderfully healed and saved, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19). Then the Scripture continues, "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel" (Mark 5:20). That element of personal testimony is vital to soul winning. Paul used it continually. Go visit the rescue missions where, continually, drunkards, and harlots, and criminals, and bums find Christ, and you will see that God has chosen to wonderfully honor the straightforward testimony of a man who knows that his sins are forgiven, who can tell when it happened, and where, the very date and place. One example is worth a thousand arguments, we are told; and if you do not know of your salvation well enough to give your own testimony, you are not ready to win souls.

Another fundamental reason makes the Christian who has no assurance of salvation unfitted for soul-winning work. We are to use the Word of God in soul winning. One must be able to tell the sinner how to find Christ, how to get his sins forgiven. And one who does not have assurance of his salvation does not clearly understand the plan of salvation. For when one knows clearly the blessed Word of God; and does not depend on any sense of his own merit, nor his righteousness, nor upon church membership, nor any religious rites, but only on the blood shed on Calvary, and the promises of the Lord Jesus; he can know for sure about his own salvation. Any poor sinner who wants salvation may have it, may have it instantly. But the assur-

ance of salvation is based upon the plain statements of the Word of God. And when you are not sure of your own salvation, then obviously you are probably not clear on how God saves men in answer to simple, penitent faith. How could one tell others what he does not know?

And again I ought to say that often our doubtings and fears come from sin. One who does not live right is likely not to feel right! Sin in the life, unconfessed and unlamented, takes away our sense of acceptance with God. It may be that you have truly been converted, born again, and it may be that you know when you trusted Christ. But your sins may have so grieved the blessed Holy Spirit that you have lost the witness within which once was very clear. It may be that now you feel that God is displeased with you, and do not find His smile upon you as it once was. So your joy may have fled, and with it part of your assurance of salvation. But the sin which hinders your joy will hinder your soul winning, too. So whatever be the reason for your lack of assurance, you need to get it settled if you are going to be successful as a soul winner.

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If you suffer for lack of assurance of salvation, I suggest

that you get my pamphlet on *The Seven Secrets of a Happy, Prosperous Christian Life* (Sword of the Lord Publishers, 35c) and read it prayerfully until the matter is thoroughly clear in your mind. Or if sin has grieved the blessed Spirit of God who dwells within you until you do not feel assured of God's favor, then confess that sin today and forsake it, and wait before the Lord penitently until you are assured that no unconfessed sin stands between you and the smile of your heavenly Father, the sweet fellowship that a Father wants to have with His child. Every Christian can know beyond any doubt that his sins are forgiven. And only such Christians who do know that they are saved are successful soul winners.

III. The Soul Winner Needs to Know Clearly the Saving Gospel of Christ

A distressed wife said to her husband, "Bill, why don't you join the church with me and be a Christian? You don't have much to give up. You are already a

good man." But that kind of counsel did not get him saved. That is not soul winning.

A mother said to her grown son, "Son, you are breaking my heart with your drinking. Why don't you quit your wicked way and live right?" That was an earnest entreaty, but it takes more than that to win a soul to Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples and then to us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Note that the gospel must be preached to every creature. One who believes on Christ according to the gospel is saved, and his baptism is his open profession of the fact. The one who does not trust Christ for salvation shall be damned, we are plainly told. So there is no way for anybody to be saved without the gospel. And the Lord here speaks of the preaching of an individual who takes the gospel to individuals, as well as of the preacher who speaks to a congregation.

All soul-winning effort is really preaching the gospel. We may add our personal testimony and our earnest entreaty, but without the preaching of the gospel no one is ever saved.

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:21.

You see, one's personal testimony and the fervent pleading of a loved one may make a sinner want to be saved, but these alone

do not show him how to be saved. People are not saved without the gospel.

And what is the gospel? What is this saving gospel without which a sinner will never be changed from a child of Satan into a child of God? Paul defines the gospel, in inspired language, in I Corinthians 15:1-4 as follows:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

This saving gospel which Paul preached and whereby the Christians at Corinth had been saved is "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The atoning death of Christ on the cross, His miraculous resurrection from the dead, all according to the Scriptures, is the blessed gospel we must take if we would win people to Christ and get them saved.

Let us analyze, then, the gospel truth which a soul winner must clearly understand.

1. He must realize that all men, women and children every where are sinners, depraved by nature, who need regeneration, that is, the new birth. The Pharisee may be better than the publican to outward appearance, but both alike are sinners. The chaste wife and mother may appear better than the harlot, the tender child may appear better than the aged reprobate, the moral, responsible and decent man may appear better than the drunken wretch and the criminal, but in the heart where God looks, all alike are guilty sinners. So Paul concludes by divine inspiration, "... For there is no difference; For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22,23). If the soul winner does not know that sinners are sick unto death, he will not know how to get them to turn to the

Great Physician. If he is not able to show people that they are wicked sinners, he will not lead them to repent.

2. The soul winner must understand that the new birth is a miraculous work of God in the heart of a sinner, making him a child of God. If the would-be soul winner thinks that joining a church, or turning over a new leaf, or living a better life will make a lost sinner into a child of God, he certainly is not a soul winner. One is dealing in miracles when he makes a child of Hell into a child of God by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." And again, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit," (I believe he means by the cleansing Word of God and the life-giving Holy Spirit) "he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." He said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." So Jesus was insistent, and every soul winner must be insistent, that even a good, moral, religious Pharisee, like Nicodemus, must be born again.

3. The soul winner must know that the way a sinner gets the new birth is by simple dependence on Christ as Saviour. Many Scriptures plainly say so. John 1:12, John 3:16, John 3:18, John 3:36, John 5:24, Acts 10:43, Acts 13:38, 39, Acts 16:31 all make it clear that one who comes to believe in Jesus Christ as his own Saviour, that is, to rely upon Christ, to depend upon Christ, to trust Christ, to risk Christ for forgiveness and salvation, is instantly saved. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." This simple faith in Christ, this committing of one's self to Christ's mercy is the deciding matter in the salvation of a soul.

It is true that a sinner who trusts in Christ must repent. That is what we meant when we said that everyone who would be saved must realize that he is a sinner and so, of course, must turn his heart away from his own resources and ways, and turn to Christ. Honest heart-turning from sin is a part of saving faith. Repentance and faith cannot be separated. But it is most often ex-

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good man." But that kind of counsel did not get him saved. That is not soul winning.

A mother said to her grown son, "Son, you are breaking my heart with your drinking. Why don't you quit your wicked way and live right?" That was an earnest entreaty, but it takes more than that to win a soul to Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples and then to us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Note that the gospel must be preached to every creature. One who believes on Christ according to the gospel is saved, and his baptism is his open profession of the fact. The one who does not trust Christ for salvation shall be damned, we are plainly told. So there is no way for anybody to be saved without the gospel. And the Lord here speaks of the preaching of an individual who takes the gospel to individuals, as well as of the preacher who speaks to a congregation.

All soul-winning effort is really preaching the gospel. We may add our personal testimony and our earnest entreaty, but without the preaching of the gospel no one is ever saved.

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:21.

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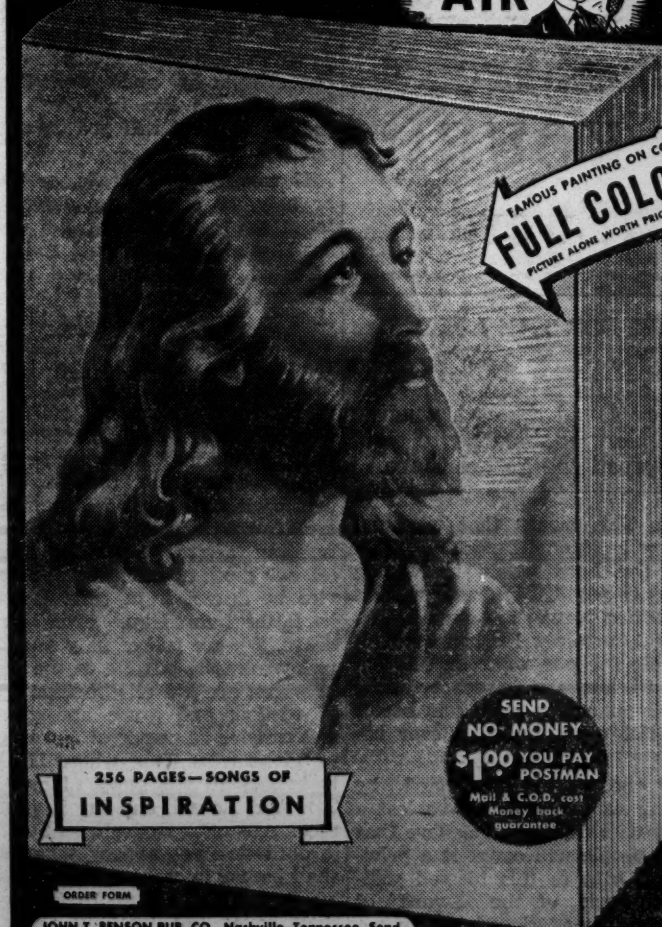
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40. Shake Hands with Mother Agam
41. Take my Hand, Precious Lord
42. Talk it over with Jesus
43. The Home Coming Week
44. The Old Gospel Ship
45. This World is not My Home
46. Victory in Jesus
47. Way down Deep in my Soul
48. We'll Soon be done with Troubles and Trials
49. We Will rise and shine
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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS
by Charles T. Lampman

Johnson in Ontario

Rev. Jimmie Johnson (P.O. Box 85, Raleigh, N.C.), friend of the editor, graduate of Bob Jones University, has been greatly used in revivals particularly in the Southeast. Of the recent revival meetings held in Hamilton, Ontario, he wrote:

"Eighteen evangelical organizations in Hamilton came together during the month of March to sponsor a city-wide evangelistic campaign. The large Delta Tabernacle was used. Rev. Earnest J. Bailey, pastor of the tabernacle, was chairman of the organization.

"The first few days of the meeting proved the need of an even larger building. A huge school building was secured, but this also proved too small and inadequate. It was decided to go back to the tabernacle and hold double services. On the closing night the building was filled to overflowing by seven o'clock. At the conclusion of the service notes were passed up the aisles telling of the crowds gathered outside. The early crowd was urged to leave, and an entirely new crowd came into the building until it was again packed to overflowing with scores turned away.

"At the close of the second service some 95 people responded to the invitation. This was truly revival! People came without urging.

"Plans are already under way for the construction of a huge tabernacle seating some four or five thousand. 'God is working; and we must take advantage of these times, we cannot afford to fail now. People must not perish because of our lack of vision,' commented the Rev. Mr. Bailey."

Evangelist Johnson is now in a Christ for Columbia campaign in Columbia, Missouri, where the university is located. Local ministers are cooperating in the meetings.

Lewis Blessed in Meetings

Evangelist Clifford Lewis (Winona Lake, Indiana) reports a successful series of meetings in Terre Haute, Indiana, and also Washington, D. C.

Rev. K. K. Merryman writes of the results of the revival in Terre Haute as follows:

"The First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Terre Haute has recently experienced a genuine revival. Dr. Lewis' dynamic Bible messages brought conviction to the members of the church and sinners alike.

"For many weeks in advance of the campaign, cottage prayer meetings were held throughout the city. About 100 prayer meetings

were held in homes. During the campaign a chain of prayer was organized with individuals taking a fifteen minute period from 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. each day.

"The church was well filled at almost every service. The attendance and results excelled anything that this church has had for many years.

"There were 218 definite public decisions in the meeting; 74 conversions and 54 rededications. Evangelist Lewis stressed the family altar; and we know of 28 homes where the family altar was established. Many new tithers were enrolled. A wonderful group of more than 25 came into church membership."

There were 861 additions to the churches in the Simultaneous Baptist Revivals East of the Mississippi held in the Capitol City. Under Evangelist Lewis, God gave a blessed revival at the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. Twenty-six professed faith in Christ, 11 came by letter, and 48 rededicated their lives. There were 15 young people who testified they would willingly enter full-time service for the Lord. There were about 15 others converted who did not join the church.

McDonald in Tennessee

Evangelist Claude McDonald, of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, was recently commended by Rev. Dewey B. Robinson, Brush Creek, Tennessee. Pastor Robinson said:

"This is just a word of appreciation for the fine work Brother Claude McDonald and his wife did while they were with us. The blessings of the Lord are surely upon this couple. Only eternity will reveal the true results of this meeting."

Rosell Leads Crusade

The Colorado for Christ Crusade, under the leadership of Merv Rosell, will begin on Friday, May 11, at the Mammoth Garden in Denver, Colorado. First Mate Bob and the "Haven of Rest" staff will be present the first two week ends.

Twenty-two committees have been organized in preparation for the Crusade, which will continue until Sunday, June 3.

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Here at the Sword of the Lord we have been praising the Lord for the wonderful report of His blessings in 1950. 527 people wrote to tell us they were saved through reading some of our literature. Faithful readers enabled us to send nearly \$3,000.00 to Japan to help spread the gospel there.

All of the many phases of our work throughout the world cost \$300,000 during 1950. Already we have drawn up plans to increase the work tremendously this year. Always looking for new ways to cut costs we have recently invested over \$8,000.00 in printing equipment. With a critical shortage of paper and with prices rising all the time we have been forced to buy over \$6,000.00 worth of paper for books and pamphlets. At the same time \$3,000.00 in loans made to us were due and paid off. Another friend who had loaned us money died and to clear up his estate, we are paying his loan before the due date.

Right away we need to spend nearly \$10,000 for printing new editions of several books and at least one more title.

When world conditions make enlarged opportunities for soul saving literature, we here believe the work of bringing real revival to America dare not be slowed

down. This means that we must borrow additional funds. We think that the Lord would be willing for us to pay 4% interest on monies loaned to us to spread His gospel. Certainly He has made it possible for our work on His behalf to increase in scope, while at the same time we are in better financial condition than ever before.

No one who has assisted by loaning us money has ever lost a penny with us, and we believe that many people will count it a privilege to help in this blessed soul-saving work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, and also get 4% interest on their help in so doing. We are asking for loans of money, and will send the Foundation's 4% note, payable in three, two, or one years, for the amount of the loans. Write for full information to Dr. John R. Rice, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

JOHN R. RICE

Evangelist To Spain



Paul Freed

The editor has a nice letter from Evangelist Paul Freed, P.O. Box 31, Greensboro, North Carolina. He says:

"We have often thought of you and the great work you are doing for the Lord. As you perhaps know, we are now out in full-time evangelistic work. A short time ago we closed a campaign in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the Central Baptist Church where the Lord worked mightily in hearts. Then a few days ago we returned from three weeks of meetings in different cities in Western Canada. Right now we are engaged in a meeting here in Greensboro after which we will be going to Philadelphia and other meetings in Pennsylvania.

"On May 29, the Lord willing, we will be sailing for Europe and in particular Spain where we will be holding meetings for several weeks. My wife, a fine soprano soloist, as well as Russell Reid, a good song leader and excellent violinist, will be helping me in these meetings."

The editor knows Evangelist Paul Freed and his wife well. They are talented, consecrated, well-trained and charming. We recommend them highly.

All in All

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your prayers? If He is not the Amen to your prayer, there is no prayer. And isn't it blessed to know that when we received Christ as a personal Saviour He became God's Amen in our hearts—Christ in you the hope of glory!

Pilate asked, "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" We ask, "What will you do without Him?" You can do without everybody and everything, save Him. In life, in death, in judgment, what will you do without Him?

If men would be safe, or wise, or holy, or strong, or victorious, let them look to Christ. Let them see Him sinless, betrayed, smitten, afflicted, wounded, bruised, condemned, dead, risen, and let them look to none else. Let them believe in Him; let them abide in Him; let them walk in Him; let them glory in Him; let them count as loss all things beside. Exquisite suffering with Him is better than enjoyment with the world. It is better to be a bondsman for Him than to be a prince without Him. His presence transforms the prison into a palace. Let our desires center in Him; let our motives in living and service be drawn from Him. Let us be faithful to Him, even unto death. We are full of folly and sin and weakness, but He is the One in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and grace and glory, and wonder of wonders! He wants us to be with Him, where He is, to behold all His glory (John 17:24). And He will one day in grace receive us unto Himself, and while it doth not yet appear what we shall be, we know that in that day we shall be like Him. In Him we shall have life without death, blessing without curse, beauty without infirmity, strength without weakness, holiness without sin, singing without crying, joy without sorrow, love without lust, service without weariness, light without darkness, glory without suffering, satisfaction without want, company without absence.

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Sword sermon which led to their salvation.

An Army sergeant in Korea wrote:

"The 'Whats' mailed in November arrived some time ago, and have been carefully distributed, and have been used to lead several to the Lord (one lad, a corporal in Korea whom I have never seen)."

Among the other heart-warming letters in this week's mail were the following:

Newly-Saved Boy Wants to Win Friends

This letter from a new convert tells how Dr. Rice's tract helped a boy 17 years of age to come to Christ, but it was not recorded in the conversions listed above because the evangelist named, apparently, actually won the boy for Christ.

"I have read your booklet on 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' It was really a blessing for me. I gave my heart to God last Monday night at a meeting that brother Bob Martin was conducting. He prayed with me, and now I see the light. I gave a testimony that very night, and one again last night. And do I feel good! I have a feeling that I have never had before. I know I am saved, and will be baptized soon. I am asking a prayer from you. Now that I have found the Lord Jesus Christ I don't want to lose Him—so pray that I may stay in the light, now that I have found the true light.

"I am a boy 17 years of age. I go to Feds Creek School here at Feds Creek. I want to be a testimony for the Lord to my schoolmates. Pray that I may learn more of the Lord that I may help to win them to the Lord too, that they may have the joy of living for the Lord that I am now having."

"A friend,
BOB MAYFIELD
Briggs, Kentucky"

Woman in Hospital Finds Christ

A woman in a hospital in Louisiana wrote as follows:

"I want to thank you for publishing 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', as it has helped me so much. Being confined in this hospital and seeing how the churches help so much has made me realize how far away from God I had

We shall look upon Him and be like Him; He will look upon us and see the reflection of His own glory.

Our devotion can never be excessive. Many love and praise and serve Him too little, but who ever loved, or praised or served Him too much?

you exalt Him above all others, for God hath highly exalted Him. you honor Him above all others, for God hath given Him a name above every name. you crown Him Lord of all, for every tongue shall some day so confess Him. you find your delight in Him, for in Him the Father is well pleased.

My All in All

I've found the precious Christ of God!

My heart doth sing for joy;
And sing I must, for Christ I have!
A precious Christ have I!

Christ Jesus is the Lord of Lords,
He is the King of kings!
He is the Sun of Righteousness,
With healing in His wings.

Christ is my meat, Christ is my drink,
My medicine, my health;
My peace, my strength, my joy,
my crown,
My glory, and my wealth.

Christ is my Saviour and my Friend,
My Brother and my love,
My Head, my Hope, my Counselor,
My Advocate above.

Christ Jesus is the Heaven of Heaven;
My Christ, what shall I call?
Christ is the First, Christ is the Last,
And Christ is All in all.

gone. I'm glad I know so I can repent and from this day forward dedicate my life to God, trying with all my heart to be the kind of person God would want in His Kingdom."

Convert Wants to Become Soul Winner

A woman in a city in central Illinois wrote this letter:

"I am writing you to say I was a sinner; and I went to the altar, and I couldn't pray so a brother from Arcola, Illinois, gave me your book. It said, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' I read it that night and the next morning, and read it again. I was 52 years and never belonged to any church. I thought I lived right and did right and gave to the church—but how wrong I was all these years. I want to thank you, Brother Rice. Your book helped me to seek Jesus Christ as my Saviour; and I have some friends I would like to have get a few books like this. It's so wonderful!

"I have trouble in finding words to say when I kneel to pray. I read the Bible. I've started to read it through—maybe I can pray when I read more. I'll appreciate some help on different things, as these books.

"I want to see my relatives and friends saved. You send the books collect and I'll get them. Pray for me that I can pray. I feel so happy to know I am no longer a sinner; and I have the faith and courage I can live it."

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The Kind of Christian It Takes

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pressed in the Scriptures by that simple term "believe." Do you know that the moment a poor sinner honestly turns from his sin and believes on Christ, that is, relies upon Christ for salvation, he is saved? If you know that, you know the great decisive factor in getting sinners saved.

4. It follows naturally that one who would win a sinner must teach him not to rely upon any human merit. Christ alone does the saving, and He does it when a lost sinner depends upon Him and commits himself to Christ. Moral goodness does not save and does not help save. Church membership and the rites of the church cannot save and cannot help save. The soul winner must be able to teach the sinner that Christ alone can save and that salvation is on the basis of God's love and mercy which provided the atoning sacrifice on the cross to pay for man's sins.

IV. The Soul Winner Must Be a Surrendered Christian, Willing to Give Up Any Known Sin to Please Christ and to Have God's Power for Soul Winning

Some Christians are vessels to honour, and some, really saved people, are vessels to dishonour. In II Timothy 2:19b-21 Paul, by divine inspiration, discusses this matter:

"And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he

shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

Every Christian should depart from iniquity. One who does purge himself from iniquity shall be a "vessel unto honour, sanctified," or set apart, "and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." A Christian who does not judge his sins, who does not honestly turn from known sins, loses the power to win souls and the ability to win souls, as well as the heart for soul winning. The greatest honor that could ever come to a Christian is to be enabled of God to win souls. But one who does not purge himself from iniquity by honest confession and turning from sin, will be a vessel not of gold and silver, but of wood and earth; not a vessel unto honour, but a vessel unto dishonour.

Paul constantly remembered this truth, that if one would be continually blessed in soul winning he must remain a vessel "meet for the master's use." In I Corinthians 9:27 Paul said:

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

What was it Paul feared? He feared that after he had preached to so many, he would be laid aside and be cast away as a soul-winning instrument. And for fear of this, Paul buffeted his body and kept down the old sinful nature so he would be fit for the Master's use.

One of the holiest motives that any Christian could have for living a separated and holy life is that he might thus be fit to win souls. And if you should give up incidental pleasure of one kind or another that is questionable; if you should give up a habit in which you would have pleasure; or if you should give up some dear idol of your heart in order that you might have the power of God and win souls, then how great will be the reward in Heaven! Thank God for the privilege of keeping a soul out of Hell a billion years and then a billion times a billion years more! Who would not be willing to give up any of the pleasures of sin, as Moses did, to have such a blessed reward!

Salt can lose its savour, at least the natural salt collected around the edge of the seashore with various impurities in it, could lose its savour. Even so a Christian may lose his saving power. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Christians who dally with sin, who keep bad company, who are wrapped up in money-making may become salt without savour. They may put their light under a bushel. I do not say that Christians who drift into worldliness and sin have lost their souls, but I do say that they lose the power to win others to Christ. They lose their joy here, and eternal rewards hereafter.

Oh, to the soul-winning Christian, the will of Christ must be the most important thing in the world! No place is too hard if it is where God wants the surrendered Christian. One who would be a soul winner must learn to make Jesus Christ the Lord of his life. He must set his affections on things that are above and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Surrender to Christ so that one is willing to leave any known sin and do the will of God is essential to one who would be a soul winner.

V. The Soul Winner Must Have a Working Knowledge of the Bible

I do not mean that to be a soul winner one must have special Bible training in a Bible institute, or seminary, or Christian college. Of course that is helpful and good. I do not mean that one must know all the doctrine in the Word of God. Of course the Christian ought to more and more study the Word

THE GREAT NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If we do not have the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them, and say, "God have mercy on us!" If you ministers have not the Spirit of God, you had better not preach, and you people had better stay at home. I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing. If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are as a tree bearing no fruit standing where another fruitful tree might grow. This is solemn work; the Holy Spirit or nothing, and worse than nothing. Death and condemnation to a church that is not yearning after the Spirit, and crying and groaning until the Spirit has wrought mightily in her midst. He is here; He has never gone back since He descended at Pentecost. He is often grieved and vexed, for He is peculiarly jealous and sensitive, and the one sin never forgiven has to do with His blessed person; therefore let us be very tender towards Him, walk humbly before Him, wait on Him very earnestly, and resolve that there should be nothing knowingly continued which should prevent Him dwelling in us, and being with us henceforth and forever. Brethren, peace be unto you and your spirit!

CHARLES SPURGEON

and make it his daily bread, his sword, his light, his joy. One does not need to know all about the Bible to win souls. In fact, some soul winners know relatively not very much of the Bible. But certainly one who would win souls must have a simple working knowledge of the Bible.

You see, winning souls is really preaching the gospel. So one must know what the Bible says about how to be saved if he would get anyone saved.

Most cases of people who really want to be saved and are ready to come to Christ when the way is made clear, can be shown how to be saved with the use of a very few Scriptures. I have won hundreds of souls using the blessed golden text of the Bible, John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

That verse is enough to save every soul who understands it and who puts his trust in Jesus Christ and relies upon His blessed promise.

Every soul winner has his favorite verses, and they are not always the same for different soul winners. In one summer when I was a college student I won some sixty people using Isaiah 55:6, 7: *"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."*

Others prefer John 1:12: *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."*

Many others use Acts 16:31: *"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."*

John 5:24 is another favorite. Other personal workers like Romans 10:9, 10, and I like very much to use John 6:37. A soul winner who knows some of these Scriptures and knows how to explain them and make the plan of salvation clear to a seeking soul, will be able to win some to Christ.

However, a hunter does not use the same ammunition for quail that he uses for deer. A fisherman does not use the same bait for fresh water perch as he uses for far tarpon and tuna in the ocean. All Scripture is profitable, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto good works, the Scripture says. So the soul winner who knows more Scriptures and how to use them, under the leading of the blessed Holy Spirit, to fit different cases, will win more

souls. It takes a working knowledge of the Bible to be a good soul winner. It takes a knowledge of at least part of the Bible to win anybody, and the more one knows and loves the Bible, and relies upon the Bible, the better soul winner he may become.

VI. The Soul Winner Must Have in Some Measure the Compassion of Our Brokenhearted Saviour Over Lost Sinners

As we said before, soul winning is being as well as doing. The soul winner must be a soul winner at heart before he wins souls. And part of the thing that makes a soul winner is a compassionate heart.

I do not know how in God's wonderful mercy He allows us who are Christians to enter into His blessed work of redemption. It was ever a wonder to Paul that "the glorious gospel of the blessed God" was committed to his trust, and Paul said, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (I Tim. 1:12). Blasphemer, persecutor, injurious, yet Paul obtained mercy, not only to be saved himself, but to become a soul winner. This is not only the highest art; it is the highest character to which a human being can attain. For in becoming a soul winner one enters into the character of Jesus Christ and into a likeness of His dear heart. One must learn to weep as Christ wept over sinners. One must be willing to suffer to save sinners, in some slight fashion, as Jesus suffered on the cross to save them. Paul says about this gospel, "...whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Whereof I am made a minister..." (Col. 1:23-25).

So let me urge upon every reader, what you need is not simply to learn how to win souls. You need to learn how, but much more than that, you need to have a holy fire burning in your bosom so that you cannot let men go to Hell unwarned, so that you cannot rest until people will be saved.

So to become a soul winner one must have the soul winner's heart. One must learn to love sinners. One must learn to pity them, to fear for them the eternal torment of the lake of fire. I earnestly plead with every reader that he is to seek and find the compassionate heart which will feel for lost sinners as the dear Lord Jesus feels, which will weep over them, yearn for them, and never be satisfied except as souls are won!

VII. The Soul Winner Must Be Empowered By the Holy Spirit

This miracle of regeneration cannot be done with human wisdom, with human personality, with human argument. So the soul winner needs a supernatural enabling, an endowment of power from on high. Let everyone who would be a soul winner know this: the blessed work of changing the hearts of men and keeping sinners out of Hell cannot be done without the work of the Holy Spirit to convict men, and turn men, and change men.

When the Lord Jesus had given the Great Commission to the disciples and was ready to leave them on the Mount of Olives, He said to them, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Again, as quoted in Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

What presumptuous sin is the sin of any of us poor, deluded souls if we seek and expect to save souls without supernatural power!

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and moderate, that we do not much emphasize the power of the Holy Spirit. We do not want people to think we are extremists or fanatics. We do not want to be classed with those who talk in tongues and those who claim sinless perfection. So we foolishly, wickedly fail to give the Holy Spirit His rightful place. Let us face it once for all, that there can be no saving of souls except as the blessed Holy Spirit moves through the Christian's testimony, and persuasion, and entreaty.

Even the blessed Word of God cannot win souls unless it be used by the Holy Spirit. We must remember that the Bible is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). We must remember that even this Word of God is powerless and dead without the work of the Holy Spirit. Even of the Scripture it is true that "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (II Cor. 3:6). God does not want us to furnish the power. He wants us to furnish surrendered hearts, willing hands and feet, a pleading voice, and a holy urgency of heart. But God Himself wants to furnish the power of our soul winning. So I urge every Christian who would be a soul winner to cast himself upon God and expect, and insist, and claim this blessing, the endowment of power from on high. I am not speaking now of sinless perfection, nor of speaking in tongues, nor of any other human manifestation. I am simply saying that every Christian who would be a soul winner must have the breath of Heaven upon him—upon his heart, upon his speech, upon his mind, upon his efforts. Oh, may God teach His people to wait upon Him for power, and may He, in mercy, breathe upon us and pour upon us the Holy Spirit. Endued with power from on high, the Christian can win souls. Without holy enabling, soul winning is impossible.

Do these conditions which are required in the life of a Christian for soul winning seem hard to you? Well, God is merciful, and He knows that none of us are perfect. How frail, how weak, how stumbling and limited are our efforts! Dr. J. B. Gambrell, famous Baptist leader in Texas, used to say, "God can hit some mighty straight licks with mighty crooked sticks." I do not say that you must be perfect in order to win souls. But I say that in some measure these seven requirements are essential. One must be saved. He must know that he is saved. One must know the simple elements of the saving gospel of Christ if he would win others.

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CONVERT IN PUERTO RICO WRITES

By the Editor

How sweet is the joy of a new convert who knows that his sins are forgiven! And how blessed is the testimony of one who has recently been saved! Down in Puerto Rico Victor Quinones Gonzalez found the Lord through a Spanish translation of my booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" It was distributed by Rev. Gregorio Diaz Ondino. When he was saved, he sent us the decision form announcing that he had turned from his sins to trust Christ as Saviour and I wrote him a letter of counsel and encouragement. Now I want to share with you the answer of this happy young convert, saved through a Spanish copy of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" The letter came to us in Spanish. Here is the translation in English.

Barriada Polvorin
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"Esteemed Brother in Christ:

"I received your letter of February 1951 in which you tell me that you rejoice that I have accepted Christ as my Saviour. I must say that I am happy and praise God for having inspired you to write the tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' through whose reading I can know the way of salvation. I thank Rev. Gregorio Diaz Ondino the one who distributes the tracts in the English church of God where I assist constantly since I accepted the Lord.

"Dear Brother, I have read carefully the letter that you sent me which you say you have sent to others who have accepted Christ. I must say that my soul rejoices continually. The first paragraph of the letter and the Scriptures which you gave me assure me that I am saved, because I have believed. I ought to go on to baptism—to study the Word of God, to confess my sins to God, to have peace and victory each day. Brother, you offer to help me. I take advantage of the opportunity to ask your prayers and your advice so that I can win others to our Lord. Many thanks for your attention."

Victor Quinones Gonzales

I feel that there is a great opportunity to get out the gospel in a good many Spanish-speaking countries. Many thousands of this Spanish edition have been distributed in Mexico, Philippine Islands, the West Indies, Central America, and the parts of South America where Spanish is spoken. As rapidly as funds are made available, we will offer these booklets for free distribution by missionaries in Spanish-speaking countries. The other day 5,000 copies went to Spain. Gifts to the Free Literature Fund may be deducted from taxable income since Sword of the Lord Foundation is recognized as a nonprofit corporation. Those who could use Spanish copies of this booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and who will solemnly pledge to give them only to those who promise to read them, may write us. As God provides, the booklet will be provided free where this pledge is given. Write Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois. Gifts should be designated for Free Literature Fund.

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By the Editor

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"None of us are perfect, none of us has all the truth, thus it calls us to be careful in our judgment lest our Christ judge us with the judgment we have used."

Sincerely, W. B. P.

The Editor's Reply

"Dear Brother P—:

"I am grateful for your letter and glad you have enjoyed THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I note that you are a little distressed because, you say, 'you denounce different groups and denominations' and you say 'it always makes me think of Matthew 7.'

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the Bible, the deity of Christ, His blood atonement, salvation by faith, Heaven and Hell, and Christ's second coming, and the need for a separated clean life on the part of Christians, we can love each other despite the small difference about speaking in tongues.

"Other people differ with me on the matter of baptism. It happens that I am a Baptist and I was baptized by immersion, which I believe is the Bible way. But I do not put baptism first. I had rather see one soul saved than a thousand baptized. I can say with Paul that 'Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel.' That is, I believe in baptism just as I think Paul did, and teach it, but I do not teach it as a major matter nor make it a matter of argument and division among people who really love the Lord and win souls.

"I differ with some other people on the matter of the security of a believer. But as long as one believes in salvation by the blood of Christ, I love them and cooperate with them, and I try to work as an honest Christian with them, though we do not agree on this one matter. You have not found THE SWORD OF THE LORD attacking earnest Bible-believing Christians, who win souls, I believe.

"But there is a very clear teaching (Continued on page 9)

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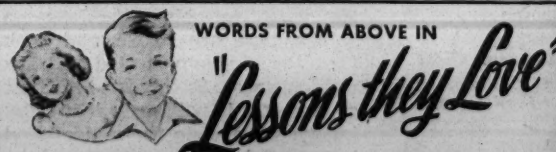
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Should Preachers Condemn Sin?

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ing in the Bible that Christians should rebuke sin. Particularly, preachers should rebuke sin. In II Timothy 4:1 Timothy is commanded, 'Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.' A preacher must reprove and rebuke, as well as exhort. It is a part of preaching the Word to reprove and rebuke those who sin.

"Again in I Timothy 5:20 Timothy is commanded, 'Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.' A preacher is to rebuke sin and even to rebuke it publicly since others may fear and avoid sin.

"Paul stood publicly and rebuked Peter when Peter compromised at Antioch. In Galatians 2:11-14 we are told this story:

"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles; but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

"You see then it is scriptural to rebuke sin.

"Again in Isaiah 58:1 God says,

'Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.' You see then every preacher must be honest and please God and so rebuke sin.

"When we study the example of Bible preachers, those that please God, you see that they did. Stephen said to the Jews who had crucified Christ, 'Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye' (Acts 7:51).

"Peter rebuked Ananias and Sapphira and God struck them dead for their sin. When Paul went to Paphos on the island of Cyprus, Elymas the sorcerer hindered the deputy, Sergius Paulus, from being saved. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? (Acts 13:9, 10). Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit when he said this, and then he prophesied that the man would be blind and God struck him blind immediately, and the deputy was saved. You see if good preachers today do right they must be like the preachers of God in the Bible.

"Another matter is very clear; in the Bible times those who did not believe the Bible, those who brought a false doctrine of salvation, were openly rebuked, they were denied all fellowship with Christians. For example, in the Second Epistle of John verses 9-11 gives this commandment:

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

"You see a Christian must not give any money to support a modernist, must not invite him to his house, must not bid him God speed. To do so would be a sin.

"And in Jude verse 3 we are commanded, 'that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints' (last half of the verse). Christians

Song Leader Available

Brother Norman Nickel, Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada, has been teaching voice and music at Briarcrest Bible Institute, but has had an increasing burden to be out in the evangelistic fields. We have good letters from Rev. Walter M. Fox of the Alliance Tabernacle in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, commending Brother Nickel, also from Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann, White-mouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, also from Rev. Curt Bork of The Pas, Manitoba. All say that he is reverent and modest in his work, spiritually minded and helpful, that he is a good song leader, and has a good solo voice. He has worked some with Evangelist Olaf Erickson.

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ought to defend the faith. Preachers should expose modernism. So when I speak out against a false doctrine of Catholics, I must be kind towards Catholics, but I must preach the truth and show where they are wrong. I speak against the modernism of those who do not believe the Bible, those who do not believe Christ is the Son of God, who do not believe that people need to be born again, because I would grieve God if I did not openly denounce such wickedness. I would be a party to the sin if I did not.

"You say you are reminded of Matthew 7, and I suppose you mean where the Lord Jesus said, 'Judge not, lest ye be judged.' No I must not judge the state of anybody's heart. For example, if you tell me you are a Christian, and that you have put your trust in Jesus and counted Him your own Saviour, then I have no right to say that you are not saved. That would be judging you. And that is forbidden. No one can say whether another has trusted Christ in the heart. Only God looks on the heart. However, we are plainly told that we can judge false prophets. In Matthew 7:15, 16 Jesus said, 'Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.' So if one denies the inspiration of the Bible or the deity of Christ or salvation by the blood then we know he is a false prophet. So I speak out boldly against those who are false prophets and I ought to do so.

"I thank you for your letter and I pray God will make you a good friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and let THE SWORD OF THE LORD be a great help to you.

"In Jesus' name, yours,
John R. Rice

BLESSING FROM SWORD OF THE LORD

African Writes About Blessing; Woman Tells How Five Were Saved; Missionary Praises SWORD; Layman Wins Souls

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

If anyone had doubts about God's using Evangelist John R. Rice or *The Sword of the Lord* he should look over our shoulder as we read our daily mail. Here are a few letters, taken almost at random, from recent correspondence.

The first letter comes from South Africa and tells how Dr. Rice's books have brought blessing to a man there.

African Writes "My Prayer A Hollow Mockery Until . . ."

"I received tremendous blessing in perusing Dr. Rice's books on Prayer, also *The Ruin of a Christian* and *Bible Facts About Heaven*.

"My prayer life seemed a hollow mockery and I sadly lacked in this most noble of exercises until I read this amazing book, so sound in its teaching, so convincing in its presentation, so biblical in its arguments. I read it through twice, and what blessings followed! Imagine my heart searchings, my brokenness of spirit when I also read *The Ruin of a Christian*! How straightforward, penetrating, yet, oh how gently does God use Dr. Rice to convict and bless! Thank God for its message and the messenger!

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STANLEY JOHN SANGSTER
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Five Persons Drawn to Lord

From Desboro, Ontario, a woman writes telling how THE SWORD was instrumental, in part at least, in winning five persons to Christ.

"I am enclosing 25 cents for a few of your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' We can't accept your free offer, as we cannot promise to deal personally with that number in ten weeks. However, we do try to do personal work, coupled with prayer, and earnestly covet your prayers for these five men listed here.

"Two years ago we subscribed for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for two of our neighbors in this rural community who for twelve years or more have had no church affiliation. We are very glad to report that they were a factor in the conversion of Mr. J—S—, sixty-five years of age, who has been faithfully reading them for the past year, and we believe also in the conversion of Mr. J—S— who with his wife and two teenage sons, accepted Jesus as their Saviour at a revival camp meeting August, 1950. Thank you for this anticipated help."

MRS. W. D. HUTCHINSON

(Note: These conversions because they were not first hand were not recorded in the article "Revival Campaign Report No. 7" elsewhere in this issue.)

Soul Fed and Vision Reset

This letter came from a missionary in South America:

"I am one of the many missionaries that receive regularly THE SWORD OF THE LORD, thanks to the generosity of you and your readers. My soul is fed and my vision is continually reset as I read the sermons and articles. I became acquainted with THE SWORD while a student at Bob Jones College and consequently your column, 'With the Evangelists,' is always very interesting to me when I read of how God is using Jimmie Threlfall, Doug Winn, Jim Mercer, and the others.

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What Held Jesus to the Cross?

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friendless that He stayed on the cross. In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Peter drew his sword and began to battle in defense of the Master, Jesus said, "Thinkest thou not that I cannot now say to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" The twelve legions of angels were still available when Jesus was on the cross.

What, then, is the answer to the question, What held Jesus to the cross? Here is the answer.

I. His Love for Us Held Him to the Cross

Jesus said nothing and did nothing when the scoffers passed by reviling Him and wagging their heads. They called to mind a statement that He had made regarding His death and resurrection. He had said that if they destroyed the temple, He would raise it up in three days. He was speaking of Himself, but they thought He spoke of the temple in Jerusalem; therefore, they said, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matt. 27:40).

The chief priests, the scribes, and the elders also came by and said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him" (Matt. 27:42-43).

Surely these taunting statements

were enough to try the soul even of the Son of God. He did not come down from the cross, for His love for a lost mankind held Him to the cross.

Many verses declare this great truth unto us. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20 that the Son of God loved us and gave Himself for us. John tells us in I John 3:16, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

There are three things I would like to say about the love of Christ.

First, His love was unusual. It is an ordinary, every day thing for us to love those who love us, but Jesus loved those who hated Him. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Jesus loved His enemies, and even on the cross He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." The love of Christ was unusual, and this is the love that He beseeches us to have for our fellowman.

The story is told of Peter Miller, a plain Baptist preacher of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, in the days of the Revolutionary War. Near his

church lived a man who abused the pastor to the last limit. The man became involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to be hanged. The old preacher started out on foot and walked the whole seventy miles to Philadelphia that he might plead for the man's life. Washington heard his plea, but he said, "No, your plea for your friend cannot be granted."

"My friend!" said the preacher, "he is the worst enemy I have!"

"What!" said Washington. "You have walked nearly seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

That is what makes the love of Christ unusual. He loved His enemies, and this love bound Him to the cross.

Secondly, His love was unending. "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end" (John 13:1).

Sometimes even the love of a mother for her child fails. Occasionally even a father may turn against his own son. But the love of Jesus never fails. It continued to the cross—beyond the cross, and abounds unto us today. His love bound Him to the cruel tree.

Thirdly, His love was unselfish. Man had nothing to give to Jesus that He did not have already. All things belong to Him—the silver and the gold, the cattle upon a thousand hills—and yet the Saviour died in our behalf. It always

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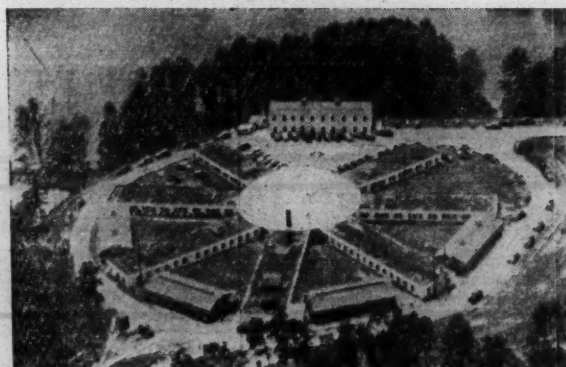
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What Held Jesus to the Cross?

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seems like a foolish thing to beg people to receive Jesus when the giving must be all on His side. All we can do is surrender ourselves. There is nothing in a material way that we can give to God that He does not already have. All things are His by act of creation; yet the Son of God condescended to die for us, and His unselfish love bound Him to the cross of Calvary. It is a rare and beautiful thing to see people give and love when nothing can be given to them in return.

The Sunday School Times tells the story of a group of dirty, ragged, poor children who were waiting in a mission one afternoon for their teacher and leader to arrive. They were children from the poorest homes. Most of them were hungry. All of them were familiar with hardships. As they sat waiting, a boy appeared leading by the hand two children, a little more forlorn looking than the others. The leader of the group jumped up and said, "Hey, fellows, these kids ain't got nobody to take care of them. They sleep in a box, and ain't had nothing to eat today. Can't we do something for 'em?"

The crowd stared at the newcomers, then one boy suggested, "Let's take up a collection," and they did. Grimy hands plunged into the recesses of tattered garments for pennies and the collection was taken. The result—seven cents. A large committee was ap-

pointed to go to the nearest bakery and invest the funds. Some small cakes were bought, and these were put into the hands of the two poor, hungry children. The rest of the dirty, ragged boys and girls gathered around to watch the two little ones eat their cakes. They were giving unselfishly.

When Jesus died upon the cross, bound by the divine love for poor, lost sinful mankind, His love was unselfish.

II. His Submission to God's Will Held Him to the Cross

The bitter, angry mob, especially the religious leaders, told Him to come down from the cross if He were the Son of God. One of the malefactors railed on Him, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

In the common parlance of today, they were saying, "If you are not a liar and a hypocrite, come down from the cross. If you are such a big person, if you are what you claim to be, then show us by coming down from the cross." But Jesus could not come down, for His submission to God's will bound Him to the rugged cross.

Let me pause here to make this plea. May our lives be so submissive to the will of God that we will be unable to do anything but say, "Thy will be done." May our submission to His holy will bind us to separated living, to soul winning, to consecrated service, to liberal giving, to earnest praying. May our submission to the Father's will bind us to do His divine purpose and plan for our lives.

Jesus said, "Lo, I come to do

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III. Our Sins Held Him to the Cross

The trail of sin from the Garden of Eden to the present time is a bloody and tragic one.

Sin separates men from God, just as it drove the first pair from the garden.

Sin brings shame. Adam and Eve sought to hide from God. Sinners are still ashamed and try to hide their sins; therefore, men love darkness rather than light.

Sin brings sorrow. See it for yourself. The life of sin will end in sorrow. The home of sin will end in sorrow.

Sin brings suffering. All of the world's suffering came about because of sin. Mental anguish, physical suffering, all come from sin.

But the crowning act of sin's dastardly career came in the death of Christ. Let us not stand back and say, "Shame on you, sin, for crucifying the Saviour." But let us remember it was our sins which nailed Him and held Him to the cross.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:5, 6).

1. He bore our sins to satisfy the law of God. God's law says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "The wages of sin is death." Because of our sins, we deserve the penalty of death and Hell, but Christ came and died in our place. He satisfied the law of God. God accepted His death as payment for our sins.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Pet. 2:24).

2. He took our sins that He

ing to pray before the regular devotions period, which is on paid time. Again at noon some pray in that room set apart for the purpose, and on their knees. Others pray at 5:30 and then each Tuesday night a prayer meeting is held. In these prayer services we remember your requests for prayer particularly for unsaved loved ones whom you agree to try to win. But in these prayer meetings, and in the daily public devotions, and in our various offices from time to time we pray for the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Again and again I bow in prayer begging God to give me the material THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to publish to bless the hearts of preachers, to stir Christians to win souls, to answer Bible questions and practical problems of our readers. I say we pray for you. That great unseen multitude is a burden on my heart every day, wherever I go. But do you pray for me? I wonder how many of you who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD feel a burden, and obligation, a holy responsibility to hold up THE SWORD OF THE LORD and its editor and workers in prayer? If you pray for me and pray for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, won't you write and tell me so? Is it too much to ask that every reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD who has been blessed by our toil, would write a letter and say so? Write us a letter during Letter Month! Do it today! It is only fair and right. It will help us to know how to carry the work on better. It will do you good and do us good. Write that letter!

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The following are unsaved persons I will pray for and try to win. Please join me in prayer for them.

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might bear them away from us. John announced the ministry of Jesus by saying, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Just as the priest in Leviticus could lay his hands upon the head of a live goat and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions and send him away into the wilderness, so did Jesus bear our sins that He might bear them away from us.

The picture is also given in the Passover scene of the lamb slain and the blood put upon the doorposts. Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb. His blood covers our sins and releases us from the penalty of Hell. John writes, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (I John 3:5).

3. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree that He might bring us unto God. The redemptive work of Jesus is to take out of this world a people for His name. The whole world will not be saved, but some will be saved, and with them God is going to abide forever.

Yes, your sins and mine bound Him to the cross. Christ was fully conscious that only His death could satisfy the law of God, bear away our sins, and bring us unto the heavenly Father. Therefore, though men scoffed at Him and accused Him of lying and hypocrisy, He stayed on the cross, bound by our sins to the tree.

There is but one way open to the fair minded person who realizes that his sins nailed Jesus to the cross and that is to receive Jesus as Saviour. He died that you might live. You cannot live without Him.

A big, brawny, cultured athlete was once asked why the word "mother" was so sacred to him. In reply, he told how, when he was born, the doctor told his father that either the mother or the child must die. The doctor said, "Decide quickly, so that I can go to work." The young athlete said, "My mother overheard what the doctor said,

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Come to Jesus today and live. Let Him plunge all your sins in the fountain filled with blood. Let Him write your name upon the Lamb's book of life. Let Him keep you in the hollow of His hand. Receive Him as Saviour and know the blessedness of salvation.

*I'll go to Jesus, though my sin,
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*Prostrate I'll lie before His throne,
and there my guilt confess,
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The Sword of the Lord
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THE ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE at Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, where Dr. Lee Roberson is pastor begins tomorrow, April 22, and runs eight days. Dr. Vance Havner of North Carolina, Dr. Walter Hughes of Canada, Dr. Fred Brown of Chattanooga will speak at the conference. I think also Dr. Herbert Lockyer will be there. I am glad to have the privilege of their fellowship and of addressing the great audiences in this tremendous church, along with the students of Tennessee Temple College, Bible School and Seminary.

AFTER APRIL 29 I RETURN TO

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